

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A gasket material to be mounted on an engine of a vehicle, comprising:

a metal plate;

a film made from silica and a reaction product of ~~an acid component~~ a fluorocomplex and a metal or a compound of a metal other than chromium or a chromium compound, the film formed directly on the metal plate, and

a rubber layer ~~bonded by vulcanization~~ formed on at least one of opposite surfaces of the metal plate through the film, wherein a rubber for forming the rubber layer comprises one of NBR, fluoro rubber, silicon rubber, acrylobutadiene rubber, HNBR and EPDM.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) A gasket material according to Claim 1,

wherein the ~~acid component~~ fluorocomplex is blended at a ratio of 5-50 wt% in solid content of a treatment solution for forming the film.

5. (Original) A gasket material according to Claim 1,

wherein the silica is blended at a ratio of 10-60 wt% in the film.

6. (Original) A gasket material according to Claim 1,

wherein the metal or the compound of the metal is blended at a ratio of 1-30 wt% in solid content of the treatment solution for forming the film.

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